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Sent:

Monday, November 19, 2018 8:58 AM

To:

Steven Himmelfarb

Cc:

mohammad@himmelco.com; captainmarkj@gmail.com; Owens, Mariejr

Subject:

RE: Sharks Cove Marina

Mr. Himmelfarb,

I haven't heard back from you or your representative regarding resolution of the Sharks Cove Marina matter. Can you please let me know your availability today and Tuesday and Wednesday of this week to discuss?

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Sharks Cove Marina & Dingo LLC

Count I (Failure to perform line tightness testing)	\$13,958
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TOTAL	\$36,427

Sharks Cove Marina & Dingo LLC **COUNT I**

Failure to perform line tightness testing (LTT) as required by DRGUST Part B 1.09A(4).

Extent of Deviation/Potential for Harm:

Major/Major

SCD Matrix Value:

\$1500

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Days of Noncompliance:

1003 days

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Violator Specific Adjustments: n/a

\$1,500 Adjusted Matrix Value: 12,472 \$1500 x 1 LTT x 4.5 DNC x 1.84767 Inflation \$12,472 **Gravity Based Penalty**

Economic Benefit \$1,486

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Sharks Cove Marina & Dingo LLC **COUNT II**

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COUNT III

Failure to provide financial responsibility for an underground storage tank as required by DRGUST Part F.

Extent of Deviation/Potential for Harm:

Major/Moderate

SCD Matrix Value:

\$750

Per UST Matrix Value (per UST):

Dates of Noncompliance:

January 17, 2015 to the present (September 30, 2018)

Days of Noncompliance:

1352 days

Days of Noncompliance Multiplier: 5.5

Environmental Sensitivity Multiplier: Unknown

Violator Specific Adjustments: n/a

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\$750

INFLATIONARY CALCULATIONS

01-17-15 to 11-02-15 = 290 days = 21%

\$750 x 1 Facility x 5.5 DNC x x 21% x 1.4853 Inflation

1,286

11-03-15 to 09-30-18 = 1030 days = 79%

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6,021

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\$7,307

Economic Benefit – Deminimis

1,204

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